

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 17.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH MAY, 1957.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Pearce presented a Petition from the United Protestant Association of Queensland, praying that the Parliament will give immediate consideration to the question of temporary cessation of the intake of South European migrants to allow more people of British or North European stock to settle in Australia.
Petition received and read.
3. TAXATION OFFICE, ADELAIDE—MALPRACTICES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding certain improper activities by some officers on the staff of the Adelaide Income Tax Office and informed the House of action taken against various offenders.
4. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table the following Paper—
Parliament House, Canberra—The Case for a Permanent Building—Statement by the Presiding Officers, and Report by the Secretary, Joint House Department.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
Department of the Interior purposes—Devonport, Tasmania.
Postal purposes—Kettering, Tasmania.
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Defence Production—A. E. Fisher.
Labour and National Service—S. M. Bodman.
Supply—T. Mills, R. M. Stone.
5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Wide Bay (Mr. Brand), on the ground of ill health.
Question—put and passed.
6. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Bowman (Mr. McColm), on the ground of ill health.
Question—put and passed.
7. PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA BILL 1957.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Papua and New Guinea Act 1949-1954*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Hasluck then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Hasluck moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Ward), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
8. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1957.—Mr. Townley (Minister for Immigration) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Public Service Act 1922-1955*, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Townley then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Townley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Caldwell), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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9. CUSTOMS BILL 1957.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
11. SULPHURIC ACID BOUNTY BILL 1957.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 2—

Consideration resumed of the motion moved by Mr. Pearce, That the clause be postponed.

Question—put and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Beale (Minister for Defence Production) the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

12. DEFENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 4th April, 1957*], viz.:—
Defence—Ministerial Statement—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Duthie), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Osborne (Minister for Air) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at three minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Brand*, Mr. Bury, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Clark, Mr. Fox, Mr. A. D. Fraser*, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Jack*, Mr. James, Mr. McColm*, Mr. Menzies, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Watkins* and Mr. Webb.

*On leave.

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Clerk-Assistant, House of Representatives.